

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

THE MACERICH COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

95-4448705
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700
Santa Monica, California 90401
(Address, Including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

The Macerich Company 2003 Equity Incentive Plan,
as Amended and Restated
(Full Title of the Plan)

Thomas J. Leanse
Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary
The Macerich Company
401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700
Santa Monica, California 90401
(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

Telephone Number, including Area Code, of Agent of Service: **(310) 394-6000**

With a copy to:

Ettore A. Santucci, Esq.
David H. Roberts, Esq.
Goodwin Procter LLP
Exchange Place
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
(617) 570-1000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company o

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To Be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount Of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	6,000,000 shares (1)(2)	\$ 75.53(3)	\$ 453,180,000(3)	\$ 45,635.23(3)

- (1) This Registration Statement relates to 6,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of The Macerich Company (the "Company" or the "Registrant") available for issuance under The Macerich Company 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (together with previous versions of such plan, the "Plan"); plus, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock which become issuable under the above-named plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- (2) The Company previously filed registration statements on Form S-8 on August 25, 2003 and August 14, 2009 registering the issuance of shares of Common Stock under the Plan. By filing this Registration Statement in accordance with Instruction E to Form S-8, the Company registers the issuance of the 6,000,000 additional shares of Common Stock approved for issuance under the Plan at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company held on May 26, 2016.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act, and based on the average of the high and low sale prices of the Registrant's common stock, as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange, on May 26, 2016.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Company previously filed registration statements on Form S-8 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) on August 25, 2003 (333-108193) and August 14, 2009 (333-161371) in connection with the Plan (the “Original Filings”). This Registration Statement registers additional shares of Common Stock to be issued pursuant to the Plan. The contents of the Original Filings, as updated by the information set forth below, are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8.

Part II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents of the Company filed with the Commission are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) The Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed with the Commission on February 23, 2016;
- (b) The Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for its fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2016 filed with the Commission on May 6, 2016;
- (c) The Company’s Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on February 16, 2016, February 18, 2016, April 26, 2016, May 13, 2016 and June 1, 2016;
- (d) The descriptions of the Common Stock which are contained in registration statements filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such descriptions; and
- (e) All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold; provided, however, that documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with Commission rules shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

Any statement contained herein or in a document, all or a portion of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or amended, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The Maryland General Corporation Law permits a corporation formed in Maryland to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (1) active and deliberate dishonesty which is established by a final judgment and is material to that cause of action, or (2) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services. The Company’s charter has incorporated a provision that eliminates the liability of the Company’s directors and officers to the Company and to the Company’s stockholders for money damages to the fullest extent permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law.

The Company’s charter and bylaws require us to indemnify the Company’s present and former officers and directors, whether serving the Company or at the Company’s request another entity, to the maximum extent permitted under Maryland law, and to pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding to the maximum extent permitted from time to time by the laws of Maryland. The Company’s charter and bylaws provide that the indemnification rights are non-exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled. The Maryland General Corporation Law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (1) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (a) was committed in bad faith, or (b) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty; (2) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or (3) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. In addition, the Maryland General Corporation Law requires the Company, as conditions to advancing expenses, to obtain (1) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the Company and (2) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the Company if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met. The Maryland General Corporation Law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which the Company’s charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. However, under the Maryland General Corporation Law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received unless in either case, a court orders indemnification and then only for expenses. The Company’s bylaws specify the procedures for indemnification and advance of expenses.

The partnership agreement of the Company’s operating partnership, The Macerich Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the “Operating Partnership”), also provides for indemnification of the Company and the Company’s officers and directors similar to that provided to the Company’s officers and directors in the charter and bylaws, and includes limitations on the liability of the Company and the Company’s officers and directors to the Operating Partnership and its partners similar to those contained in the charter and bylaws.

The Company and the Operating Partnership have entered into indemnification agreements with certain of the Company’s executive officers and directors. The indemnification agreements require, among other things, that the Company and the Operating Partnership indemnify those executive officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by law, and advance to them all related reasonable expenses, subject to certain defenses. The Company and the

Operating Partnership must also indemnify and advance all expenses incurred by those executive officers and directors seeking to enforce their rights under the indemnification agreements, and cover them under the Company's director's and officer's liability insurance. Although the indemnification agreements offer substantially the same scope of coverage afforded by provisions in the Company's charter and bylaws and the partnership agreement, it provides greater assurance to directors and officers that indemnification will be available, because, as a contract, it cannot be modified unilaterally in the future by the Company's board of directors, by the stockholders or by the partners of the Operating Partnership to eliminate the rights it provides.

Item 8. Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index following the Signatures page for a list of exhibits filed as part of this registration statement on Form S-8, which Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Santa Monica, State of California on June 3, 2016.

The Macerich Company

By: /s/ Thomas J. Leanse
 Thomas J. Leanse
 Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND SIGNATURES

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENT, that each individual whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints each of Arthur M. Coppola, Edward C. Coppola, Thomas E. O'Hern and Thomas J. Leanse, each of whom may act without joinder of the other, as such person's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for such person in such person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement on Form S-8, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as such person might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any said attorney-in-fact and agent, or any substitute or substitutes of any of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following person in the capacities and on the date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Arthur M. Coppola</u> Arthur M. Coppola	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	June 3, 2016
<u>/s/ Edward C. Coppola</u> Edward C. Coppola	President and Director	June 3, 2016
<u>/s/ John H. Alschuler</u> John H. Alschuler	Director	June 3, 2016
<u>/s/ Steven R. Hash</u> Steven R. Hash	Director	June 3, 2016
<u>/s/ Fred S. Hubbell</u> Fred S. Hubbell	Director	June 3, 2016
<u>/s/ Diana M. Laing</u> Diana M. Laing	Director	June 3, 2016
<u>/s/ Mason G. Ross</u> Mason G. Ross	Director	June 3, 2016

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Steven L. Soboroff</u> Steven L. Soboroff	Director	June 3, 2016
<u>/s/ Andrea M. Stephen</u>	Director	June 3, 2016

Andrea M. Stephen

/s/ John M. Sullivan

John M. Sullivan

Director

June 3, 2016

/s/ Thomas E. O'Hern

Thomas E. O'Hern

Senior Executive Vice President, Treasurer
and Chief Financial and Accounting
Officer (*Principal Financial and
Accounting Officer*)

June 3, 2016

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
*5.1	Opinion of Venable LLP.
*23.1	Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
*23.2	Consent of KPMG LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
*24.1	Power of Attorney (included on the signature page hereof).
99.1	The Macerich Company 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, as Amended and Restated (previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 1, 2016 and incorporated herein by reference).

* Filed herewith.

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June 3, 2016

The Macerich Company
 401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700
 Santa Monica, California 90401

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Maryland counsel to The Macerich Company, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law arising out of the registration of an additional 6,000,000 shares (the "Shares") of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Company pursuant to The Macerich Company 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated as of May 26, 2016 (the "Plan"), covered by the above-referenced Registration Statement, and all amendments thereto (the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act").

In connection with our representation of the Company, and as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Documents"):

1. The Registration Statement;
2. The charter of the Company (the "Charter"), certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT");
3. The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
4. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;
5. Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company, or a duly authorized committee thereof, relating to, among other matters, the approval of the Plan and the issuance of the Shares (the "Resolutions"), certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
6. The Plan;

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7. A certificate executed by an officer of the Company, dated as of the date hereof; and
 8. Such other documents and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinion set forth below, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein.

In expressing the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the following:

1. Each individual executing any of the Documents, whether on behalf of such individual or another person, is legally competent to do so.
2. Each individual executing any of the Documents on behalf of a party (other than the Company) is duly authorized to do so.
3. Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.
4. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed and delivered. All Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original documents. All signatures on all Documents are genuine. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.
5. The Shares will not be issued in violation of any restriction or limitation contained in Article EIGHTH of the Charter. Upon the issuance of any Shares, the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding will not exceed the total number of shares of Common Stock that the Company is then authorized to issue under the Charter.
6. Each option, restricted stock unit, award, right or other security exercisable or exchangeable for a Share pursuant to the Plan (each, an "Award") will be duly authorized and validly granted in accordance with the Plan, and each Award will be exercised or exchanged in accordance with the terms of the Plan and such Award, including any option or award agreement entered into in connection therewith.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein, it is our opinion that:

1. The Company is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.

2. The issuance of the Shares pursuant to the Plan has been duly authorized and, when and to the extent issued and delivered by the Company in accordance with the Registration Statement, the Plan and the Resolutions, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Maryland and we do not express any opinion herein concerning any other law. We express no opinion as to the applicability or effect of federal or state securities laws, including the securities laws of the State of Maryland, or as to federal or state laws regarding fraudulent transfers. To the extent that any matter as to which our opinion is expressed herein would be governed by the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland, we do not express any opinion on such matter. The opinion expressed herein is subject to the effect of any judicial decision which may permit the introduction of parol evidence to modify the terms or the interpretation of agreements.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the matters specifically set forth herein and no other opinion shall be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. We assume no obligation to supplement this opinion if any applicable law changes after the date hereof or if we become aware of any fact that might change the opinion expressed herein after the date hereof.

This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of the name of our firm therein. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the 1933 Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Venable LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors
The Macerich Company
Santa Monica, California

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of The Macerich Company of our reports dated February 23, 2016, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of The Macerich Company as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, and the related financial statement schedule III — Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015.

Our reports with respect to the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule III — Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation of The Macerich Company make reference to The Macerich Company changing their method of reporting discontinued operations in 2014 due to the adoption of FASB Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*.

/s/ KPMG LLP
Los Angeles, California
June 3, 2016
